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THE BIG PHOTOGRAPH.

The largest photograph ever taken by the largest camera ever built has been presented to the Masonic library in this city, and will be given space therein, where it will be seen and admired by the tens of thousands of visitors who go through that storehouse of rarities every year. The photograph is by Lawrence, of Chicago, and represents the office of Swift and Company in that city. As framed it is over twelve feet long and eleven feet high. Swift's office is the largest office in the world and the picture, which is also the largest in the world, shows nearly one thousand people engaged in work at their desks.

The frame which the firm of Swift and Company has had built for the picture is fully as interesting and remarkable as the picture itself and makes the whole work of art a worthy donation to the Masonic library, where the room is so precious that only really valuable rarities are given a place. The frame is made in a special Masonic design for the Iowa Masonic library by Thurber, of Chicago. It is made of antique oak, richly carved and embellished, and upon it there are

carved and inlaid the emblems of the order, the whole combining to produce one of the handsomest picture frames ever constructed. The cost of the frame was in the neighborhood of a thousand dollars.

The splendid picture is now on exhibition in the Masonic library here and installed in the place which has been prepared for it.

Among the Lodges.

KEEP ALLINGTON OFF THE FLOOR.

The "A. P." reports that the floor of the Masonic Hall in Webster City settled four inches while the hall was crowded with people.

The Grand Lodge and the Masonic Veterans' Associations of Pennsylvania each have gavels made from the columns in the old Pennsylvania Freemasons' Hall, Philadelphia.

Grand Librarian, Alex. A. Clark, Masonic Hall, New York, wants any official circulars, edicts, addresses, masonic programs, sermons, all proceedings prior to 1865, histories of Masonic bodies, by-laws, and all printed Masonic biographies for the enrichment of his department.

Harlan is building a new hall.

Marshalltown's new temple is moving.

The local lodges have been doing work right along through the winter.

The Marion lodges have work coming up for inspection, we hear.

Our news notes are sparse this month —sickness.

Wm. J. Bryan, editor of "The Commoner" was initiated as an entered apprentice January 23d, in the lodge of his home town. Wonder if it will go the rounds like the items about some other noted initiates did. Why not? There's no politics in Masonry!

The Council.

The staid and respectable *Illinois Freemason* reports that the super-excellent ceremonial was "pulled off" in Bloomington Council No. 43 on January 10, and that the "cracker jack addendum" was given to the entire class. This sounds like the work of the sporting editor.—*Standard.*

Or maybe like the wonderful announcements of the Ancient Order of Humility, eh?

The proposition to group a number of Chapter-Jurisdictions together for the purpose of economy and regularity in the institution of Councils in Iowa was our suggestion and we're sorry it has not taken better. But, give it time and it will work its way out.

The Royal Arch.

The Royal Arch degree has been said to be the "root, heart and marrow of Masonry," because it is indescribably more august, sublime and important than any which precede it, it being the summit and perfection of Ancient Craft Masonry. The Master Mason, when he was told to approach the East, became only an adopted Master Mason, and he could not be truly said to be a Master *de facto* until he had received the Royal Arch. His Masonic knowledge was incomplete; his mark had been recognized and his wages paid for the time he wrought, still he sought for Masonic light and information, when he had promised to diffuse the same to his less-informed brethren,

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at the time he was received and accepted and acknowledged a Most Excellent Master. But he must be humble, must stoop low ere he can be exalted to the Royal Arch. It is worthy close study, but it should not be used as the stepping stone to other degrees or orders. There are as great beauties within as beyond the Arches. Seek it, brethren; it will repay you. Your closest attention and study will discern the Word, the Truth and the Life of Masonry. Study the interests of your Chapter. Attend its meetings, unite in its work, and you will find a strong feeling growing within you for Royal Arch Masonry.—*Keystone.*

Whew! *The Keystone* announces that the Grand Chapter of Canada held its 442nd Annual Convocation in Toronto, January 22. Now let Massachusetts and Pennsylvania go away back and sit down.

Hon. Bro. Charles E. Pickett of Waterloo, Iowa, Grand Exalted Ruler of the B. P. O. E. in the United States, is passing toward his exaltation, if he has not already reached it, in his home Chapter.

Commanderies.

Sir Knight A. D. Soule, of Syracuse, N. Y., lost his life Jan. 13, in the fire by trying to save his uniform.

TEMPLARS' EASTER SERVICES.

Knights to Hold Union Program at People's Church.

Knights Templar of Chicago will observe Easter in a unique manner. The twelve Chicago commanderies will unite in union Easter services in Peoples' Church, McVicker's Theatre, at 2 p. m., March 30, where the services will be conducted by Rev. Sir Knight Crane, pastor of the church.

There will be more than 1000 uniformed men in the parade before the services begin. To carry out this program a general committee of the consolidated Chicago Commanderies, Knights Templar, through sub-committees, is hard at work. Eminent Sir Clayton O. Billow, Apollo Commandery, is general chairman of the committee, and Eminent Sir Edward J. Brundage, Lincoln Park Commandery is secretary.

In addition to the twelve Chicago commanderies, those of Aurora, Elgin, Joliet, Waukegan, Woodstock and Kankakee, will be in the parade and attend the services. The parade of the consolidated commanderies will be under the command of the Right Eminent Hamer Herschel Greene, of Bloomington, grand commander Knights Templar of Illinois.

This will be the first time in Chicago that the Knights Templar have united for Easter day service.

RIGHT EMINENT SIR JOHN HOLLAND PETTIBONE APPOINTED.

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Apartments of the Grand Commander.

To the Officers and Members of Commanderies, Subordinate to the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Iowa, Greeting:

On account of the death of Right Eminent Sir Thomas Russell Ercanbrack, a vacancy has been created in the membership of the Templar Park Board of Trustees.

By virtue of the authority in me vested as Grand Commander Knights Templar of Iowa, I hereby appoint Right Eminent Sir John Holland Pettibone, of Burlington, to fill the unexpired term of our said deceased Frater; the appointment to take effect from the date of this announcement.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Grand Commandery, at Manchester, Iowa, this 14th day of February, 1902.

W. H. NORRIS,
Grand Commander.

J. E. CHERRY,
Grand Recorder.

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We are late again—sickness and slowness.

We intended a sixteen pager to begin this month, but will put it off until April.

Don't fail to look up the advertisements regarding the Shrine trip to San Francisco in June. In fact all our patrons deserve your kind attention.

This month promises to be a busy one in Masonic circles. May the craft prosper everywhere.

American and orthodox Freemasons will give but little attention to the pastoral of "Cardinal Langenieux, Archbishop of Rheims," against French Masonry. The Grand Orient of France has no standing Masonically, where a belief in the Deity is a requisite declaration. Go for them "Lang."

If we might be permitted to remark, without becoming one of the aforesaid "Infamous Conspirators," it sounds a little bit ridiculous for the "Five Points of Fellowship," to assert that any Freemason of enough manhood to care to be a Mason would "Morganize" "Grand Master Pinney." It's a little and unbecoming similie to use by one who poses as the real thing.

From *Fraternity* we learn that

"Zuleika Grotto, No. 10, this city, gave a reception and ball at the Ellicott Club on the evening of the 5th. The Grotto is one of the most popular organizations connected with the Masonic Order, and its entertainments are always pleasing."

Now, what in the name of "Hiram" is this new "connection" of the Masonic "Order?" And there seem to be nine other "Grottos." Ach!

That report going the rounds of the daily press along in February that "Italian Masons had decided to abandon secresy" has about as much foundation in fact as much other stuff that is announced.

The Scottish Rite.

We call attention to the official directory of the Iowa bodies as given in our "General Directory."

The forty-seventh annual reunion of the bodies of the Rite under Oriental Consistory, Chicago, will be held in Chicago, April 22-24, 1902.

The Golden Semi-Centennial Convocation of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, working in the valley of Cincinnati, Ohio, was probably the most remarkable convocation of Masons, in many respects ever held. The occasion was marked with a magnificence of work, a wonderful musical program, splendid paraphernalia, and scenic accessories, and the presence of the Sovereign Grand Commander of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, Ills. Bro. Henry L. Palmer, 33rd degree, and many other notable members of the Rite. Eighteen hundred and seventy-eight Scottish Rite Masons were registered, each one receiving a gold and bronze memorial badge of beautiful design. Among those present were representatives from Scottish Rite bodies under the jurisdiction of the four Supreme Councils in North America, coming from no less than twenty-three states.

The class of candidates numbered two hundred and fifty-four Masons from various points in southern Ohio, the class being the largest ever presented for initiation in any Scottish Rite body, or in any other Masonic body in the world.

At the close of Ohio Consistory, its membership had reached the magnificent total of twenty-five hundred, making it the largest subordinate Masonic body in the world, a position which it has held, however, for many years.

The closing ceremonies, in charge of the Ills. Commander-in-Chief Wm. B. Melish, 33rd degree, were of the most solemn and impressive nature, the summing up of the lessons making a marked impression upon the class of candidates and the visitors, who had assembled to the number of over a thousand to witness the closing scenes of the convocation. When the grand organ led the brethren in the song of "God be with you till we meet again," Chains of Union were formed by the brethren until all present were clasped hand in hand. The entire audience then joined in the Doxology, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow," and the Fiftieth Annual Convocation of the Cincinnati bodies became a thing of the past, except in its marvelous effect upon those priveleged to be present, and the great impetus which this notable occasion gives to Scottish Rite work throughout the country.

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The Eastern Star.

THIS SEEMS AROUND NOW.

And now there arises in Iowa a Masonic iconoclast who says the world-famous Parvin Masonic Library "is a heavy expense and does little good to any member of the order."—*Standard.*

The "*Standard*" should know that it is the use of reading that makes intelligence, and there are few who read. We venture the brother that said the library does little good doesn't read even a Masonic paper.—*Chronicle.*

KNOXVILLE, IOWA, Dec. 27, 1901.
Editor MASONIC CHRONICLE, Columbus, Ohio.

DEAR SIR AND BRO.—I enclose above a clipping credited to *The Standard* with comments thereon by the *Chronicle*, and thereon remark:

To the tenor of the comments, no one could take reasonable exception, provided the case was correctly stated by the *Standard*. That paper simply caught up an item which "yellow journalism" had set afloat, without taking thought as to the probability of there being any truth in the same. I chance to be in a position to know that the audacity (or incapacity) of a reporter for a Sioux City paper is the source of the item, which had no foundation in fact or reason. I heard every word of the alleged interview, and characterize the statement, in the form in which it is made, as a mandacious falsehood. The brother interviewed made no remark derogatory of the splendid library at Cedar Rapids, nor did any such thought enter

the mind of any bystander. The reporter simply abused his courteously conceded privilege for an interview on an entirely different topic, and showed the baseness of his nature by misrepresenting a worthy member of the craft who was willing to give him an opinion on the prospect of establishing a Masonic Home in Iowa.

Yours fraternally for fair play and truth, J. C. W. COXE.

We give place to this letter of the brother because the "yellow journalist" gave it to the world at large that this brother was the one interviewed. His assertion is better Masonic testimony than any press report, for reasons known to every Masonic editor.

By the unwarranted blunder of some person in the printing office, our copy portfolio was lost, and we think some copy for last month from Harmony Chapter by Sister Jackson was lost and was omitted—such is life when one is helpless as well as sick. We'll do better hereafter.

IT SHOULD DISQUALIFY THEM.

Recently we have heard conversations among the members of the Eastern Star which, to say the least, is very indiscreet. We have heard that the members of the Grand Chapter have been canvassed in the interest of certain parties who desire advancement in office in the Grand Chapter. If this charge be true, it ought to relegate the said parties forever to innocuous desuetude, to use a borrowed expression. No one who seeks an office, either by direct solicitation of himself or his friends, should have it. The very act of solicitation should disqualify any one for office. Dame Rumor is ever busy with her work and sometimes she deals in fiction.

We sincerely hope that is the case in regard to the talk now going the rounds that members of our Grand Chapter have so far forgotten the propriety of conduct by soliciting the advancement of friends to office in the Grand Chapter. There may not be a written law forbidding soliciting for votes in our constitution, but there is an unwritten, or common law of our order which strictly forbids it. It exists in the fact that all officers are elected both in subordinate chapters and in Grand Chapter without nomination.

If our laws and regulations sanctioned electioneering for office, then nominations and nominating speeches would be in order. But no such practices are tolerated. Therefore all soliciting, directly or indirectly, is an offense against our Order, and should not be tolerated. Let every member of the Grand Chapter bear this in mind and administer a rebuke.

WORTHY GRAND MATRON'S LETTER.

WEBSTER CITY, IOWA, Feb. 20, 1902.
JOHN W. GEIGER, Editor FREEMASON AND FEZ, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:—Trusting that a little item in regard to a social affair will be acceptable to the "FREEMASON AND FEZ," I herewith send it:

On February 19th the members of Sharon Chapter No. 148 assembled, by invitation from the Sir Knights of Triune Commandery in their hall. For the second time within a few years, we were privileged to be their guests, and were greeted by the same hospitality and cordiality as before.

The tables in the dining room were decorated with carnations and smilax, and lighted by numerous candelabrum. The banquet was served in courses and it was most elaborate. A mandolin orchestra discoursed sweet music and each guest received a lovely carnation as a souvenir. After the banquet a musical entertainment was provided, followed by a drill by the Sir Knights directed by Sir Knight George W. Teed. The marches and figures were carried out with precision and called forth a great deal of applause. At the close of the drill a general social time was enjoyed by all those present, and the Sir Knights of Triune Commandery proved themselves splendid hosts and entertainers. During the evening frappe was served at a table presided over by two young ladies and greatly enjoyed.

The sincere thanks and appreciation are due to Triune Commandery from the members of Sharon Chapter.

If acceptable, will send you occasionally a few more items.

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Now, in regard to official work will say that our order in the state is progressing nicely. Nine new Chapters have been instituted, and all seem to be interested in the work. We have had experiences of all kinds while traveling, but enjoyed the work, and was pleased to have been privileged to institute these Chapters. I remain

Sincerely and Fraternally,
FREDA OPPENHEIMER.

The Mystic Shrine.

This journal is sent for the next five months to every Recorder in the Order, for which there is no charge. Any interest they may take will be appreciated.
JNO. WESTLEY GEIGER, Editor.

Kaaba Temple had a class of fourteen at Clinton, in February (11th) and a good time.

Al-Malaikah Temple, Los Angeles, California, is reported to have a whole floor of the palace hotel, San Francisco, for the Imperial Council in June. Whoopee—Corn, Wine, Oil?

We have the directory of Potentates, Recorders and Representatives of the Imperial Council, N. M. S. for 1902.

There are now 83 Temples of the Order.

The beloved wife of Noble Grant Durant, of St. Ansgar, Iowa, passed away while visiting in Centralia, Illinois, on February 19, 1902. Her funeral was held in this city.

February 5, at Lu Lu Temple's meeting, the Trenton Nobles led by Noble K. C. Hill, presented to Potentate Scott a beautiful hand painted punch bowl. Noble Maxwell Sommerville disposed of a collection of Arabic coins for the benefit of the charity fund. Lu Lu now has 2919 Nobles.

The itineraries for San Francisco are coming out thick and fast these days. El Kahir will be ready by next month.

El Kahir will go to Mason City April 9th and a fine class is promised.

General Directory.

GRAND LODGE MEETS.
Dubuque, June 3, 1902.

L. J. BAKER	Ottumwa	GRAND MASTER
N. R. Parvin	Cedar Rapids	Grand Secretary

CONVOCATIONS, R. A. M.
General Grand (U. S.,) 1903.

T. B. LACEY	Council Bluffs	GRAND HIGH PRIEST
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ASSEMBLIES, R. & S. M.
General Grand (U. S.,)

W. F. CLEVELAND	Harlan	M. P. G M
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CONCLAVES K. T.
Grand Encampment, San Francisco, Cal., 1904.
Iowa Grand, Templar Park, July, 1902.

W. H. NORRIS	Manchester	GRAND COMMANDER
J. E. CHERRY	Creston	Grand Recorder

GRAND CHAPTERS O. E. S.
General Grand (U. S.) Sept. 27, 1904.
Iowa, Oct. 22, 1902, Oskaloosa.

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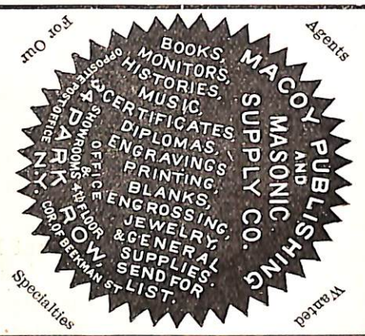
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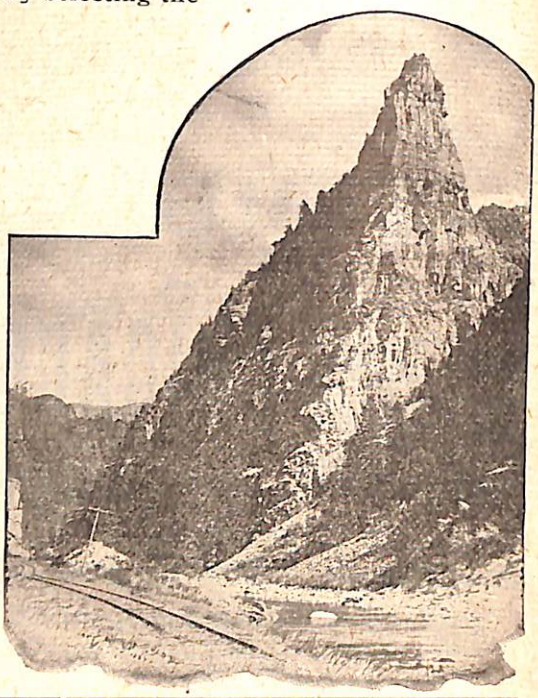

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